

Philad^a February 25th /61

Friend Booth

I called on you on last Monday morning in reference to you using your influence in my behalf to be reinstated as an employee in the U. S. Mint, as I have understood that Col. Snowden was willing to reinstate some of the Old workmen, after a short interview I left you with an understanding that I was to wait on Mr. King, Judge Kelly and Judge Campbell, and get their recommendations and then present them to Col. Snowden with special reference to you, I have however on further reflection thought it best before going any further in the matter, to await an answer from Mr. King whom I have wrote a note to, the difficulty if any is simply this Mr. King and Judge Kellys political views are different from Col. Snowdens and from their present political positions they are perhaps at ^{this} time using their influence for a successor to Col. Snowden, and not wishing to ask of Judge Kelly or Mr. King, and particularly Mr. King a favor that would not be cordially and kindly agreeable to them as well as consistent with their political feelings, I have wrote a note to Mr. King stating

my hesitation on this account and also asking of him
such advice and information as will be agreeable to
him to inform me of, as what course to pursue as I
do not wish to ask of You or them a favor not con-
sistent with our mutual good friendship
I would also take the liberty of asking your atten-
tion to a point that may be well worth considering
that in case I should now be successful in being
again employed in the Mint under Col. Snowden
would it in your opinion affect my continuance there
in case Col. Snowden was removed, however as I troubled
You with a visit wishing your assistance in my behalf
and believing that You have an interest in my welfare, I have
thought it well to let You know my position as regards friend
King and Judge Kelly, I will also here take the liberty of
humbly asking of You if You can give me any advice
or information by interview or note that You think will
be to my interest in this matter, if so it will be thankfully
received and appreciated and if it don't suffice to effect my
object it may at least guide me to it or prevent me
taken any steps that would operate against my
success hereafter, now I don't wish any part of
this note to be considered as inquiry or encroachment on
any knowledge You may possess that would be consid-

ered confidential, You will pardon the liberty I have
taken in writing to You on this subject but I thought by
writing it would prevent my troubling You at a time
when You would be engaged, and moreover You could
peruse this at Your leisure and answer it according
to its merits and suitable to Your best wishes as You think
I am worthy of or Your friendship may incline You
to do

I remain

Yours most Respectfully
Franklin Hulings

S. W. Corner of Fourth and Wharton Sts.

an early answer will much oblige

H. Ward

25. Feb. 1861

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Relative to place in Mint.